Hood Canal Coordinating Council

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Integrated Watershed Plan Steering Committee: Review of the Draft 2016 LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plan/IWP Update

June 6, 2017, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm at HCCC, 17791 Fjord Drive, NE, Suite 124, Poulsbo, WA

Summary

HCCC Integrated Watershed Plan Steering Committee Members/Attendance:

- Dave Herrera (HCCC Board Member): Present
- Kate Dean (HCCC Board Member): Present
- Paul McCollum (HCCC Board Member): Not present
- Terri Jeffreys (HCCC Board Member): Present
- Teri King: Not present
- Erin Ryan-Penuela: Not present

Others present:

- Haley Harguth, HCCC Watershed Planning & Policy Coordinator
- Scott Brewer, HCCC Executive Director
- Robert Warren, Bonneville Environmental Foundation
- Patty Michak, HCCC In-lieu Fee Program Manager
- IWP Technical Committee members:
 - o Tami Pokorney, Jefferson County Environmental Health
 - Alex Gouley, Skokomish Tribe
 - o Ian Rork, Kitsap Public Health District
 - Leslie Banigan, Kitsap Public Health District
 - Randy Lumper, Skokomish Tribe

Call to Order and approval of agenda

This was a meeting of the HCCC IWP Steering Committee to participate in a joint workshop with the IWP Technical Committee and HCCC staff for IWP priority setting. This meeting follows a previous workshop of the IWP Steering Committee/Technical Committee and HCCC staff on May 8th, to finalize a recommendation to bring to the HCCC Board of Directors for approval.

IWP Steering Committee member Kate Dean nominated Dave Herrera to chair the meeting, Terri Jeffreys seconded. Kate Dean raised a motion to approve the agenda, Terri Jeffreys seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

Meeting Notes

Introduction

This is the final phase of our LIO plan/IWP update development, to take the strategies we have developed thus far, and use the prioritization criteria to compare and rank strategies. The results of this prioritization will ultimately guide HCCC workplanning. HCCC IWP core team is open to refining existing strategies, filling gaps, with discussion and approval of IWP committees. This is a working, living document, open to constant adaptive management.

Relative weighting of prioritization criteria is challenging and helpful to compare strategies with real-world implications. Need to consider that social and political context changes, frequently. Shouldn't necessarily be a driver of priorities.

Strategy Prioritization Discussion

The participants scored the strategies using the prioritization criteria. The scores were discussed as a group. Many similar comments were raised as in the May workshop. The scores were somewhat different, but represented the different perspectives in the room for this group versus the May 8th group.

Results Discussion

This is a really important first step in prioritizing the IWP. Need to follow up on what this means for HCCC. How does this guide decision-making on sequencing of projects.

Would be interesting to analyze scores by different parameters:

- Top 10 or 15, by total score
- Ranking with funding and organizational capacity criteria removes
- Breakdown by strategy, which sub-strategies are prioritized?
- Only look at salmon related strategies
- Look closer at Potential Impact criteria ratings, to identify strategies with:
 - Low social/political opportunity
 - Low funding/capacity
- Existing HCCC programs/focus areas

HCCC staff should provide input on how to implement priorities – how does it translate into workplanning.

Need to help board to understand how this fits into their other work, alignment with other partners and LIOs, how to achieve multi-beneficial outcomes for natural resources.

Final results summarizing the scores from both workshops will be presented to the HCCC Board of Directors at the June 14th Annual Meeting, and can be found in the June 30 version of the LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plan.

Recommendation to the Board of Directors: Approve the IWP prioritization results for inclusion in the IWP/LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plan final draft to be submitted June 30th.

Materials distributed: The IWP Prioritization Guidance materials distributed to the IWP Steering Committee and IWP Technical Workgroup is linked here. The draft Hood Canal LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plan is linked here.